



National Association for State Community Services Programs

WAP Regional Call – November 18, 2021

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AGENDA

- ***NASCSP Staffing Updates – Jenae Bjelland, Andrea Schroer***
- ***Legislative Update– Britt Pomush***
- ***Weatherization Day – Britt Pomush***
- ***NASCSP Updates –Andrea Schroer, Jonathan Ballew***
- ***DOE and Federal Updates – Andrea Schroer, Jonathan Ballew***
- ***WAP Chair Updates– Jeff Heino (WI)***
- ***Open Discussion***

NASCSP Staffing Updates



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Legislative and Advocacy Work




Legislative Updates: Appropriations (CR)

HOUSE (HR. 4549):

- \$375 million (\$65 million increase)
- Weatherization Readiness Fund: \$15 million.
- Recommends \$3 million for community-scale weatherization
- Directive to release funds to Grantees within 60 days
- Increase staffing levels at DOE HQ

SENATE (S. 2605):

- \$375 million (\$65 million increase)
 - \$8 million for T&TA
 - Requirement to obligate funds within 60 days
 - Support for the Weatherization Readiness Fund
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Legislative Updates

Reconciliation/Build Back Better

- Wx viewed as “double dipping” – removed

Continuing Resolution (CR)

- Expecting a second CR



Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal (BID) - Passed

\$3.5 Billion for Weatherization

- Funds available FY22 “to remain available until expended”
- Davis Bacon *waived* on buildings with 1-4 units



President Biden signs the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act on the South Lawn of the White House on November 15, 2021. MANDEL NGAN/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

LIHEAP Legislation and Advocacy



- LIHEAP Wishlist – Survey
 - Weatherization Readiness
 - Cooling
 - Eligibility
- LIHEAP BIF Updates
 - \$500 Million for LIHEAP
 - \$100m per year 2022-2026

Weatherization Day – Celebrating 45 years!

Virtual Weatherization Day Event

- 2.5 hour Livestreamed & [Recorded](#)
- 300+ Registered



Did you celebrate? [Tell us how!](#)
Send us your proclamations,
videos or event info



WAP in the News!

Secretary Granholm recently visiting the Energy Coordinating Agency in Philadelphia, PA to tout the passage of the Infrastructure Bill.

[Energy Secretary Granholm touts infrastructure bill, new jobs – WHYY](#)

[U.S. Energy Secretary visits Kensington energy nonprofit, outlines how infrastructure bill could help Pa., N.J. \(inquirer.com\)](#)



NASCSP UPDATES



- WAP Board Elections – Welcome new WAP Board! Andrea
- Conference Summary – Andrea
- WDWG & Workforce - Andrea
- 2020 Funding Survey – Andrea
- Member Polling Questions– Andrea & Jonathan
- REWG – Jonathan
- DOE Updates – WPNs and Memos – impact to network - Jonathan & Andrea
- Member Planning & Action Summary – Actions – Jonathan

NASCSP BOARD: WAP Regional Representatives

WAP Representatives

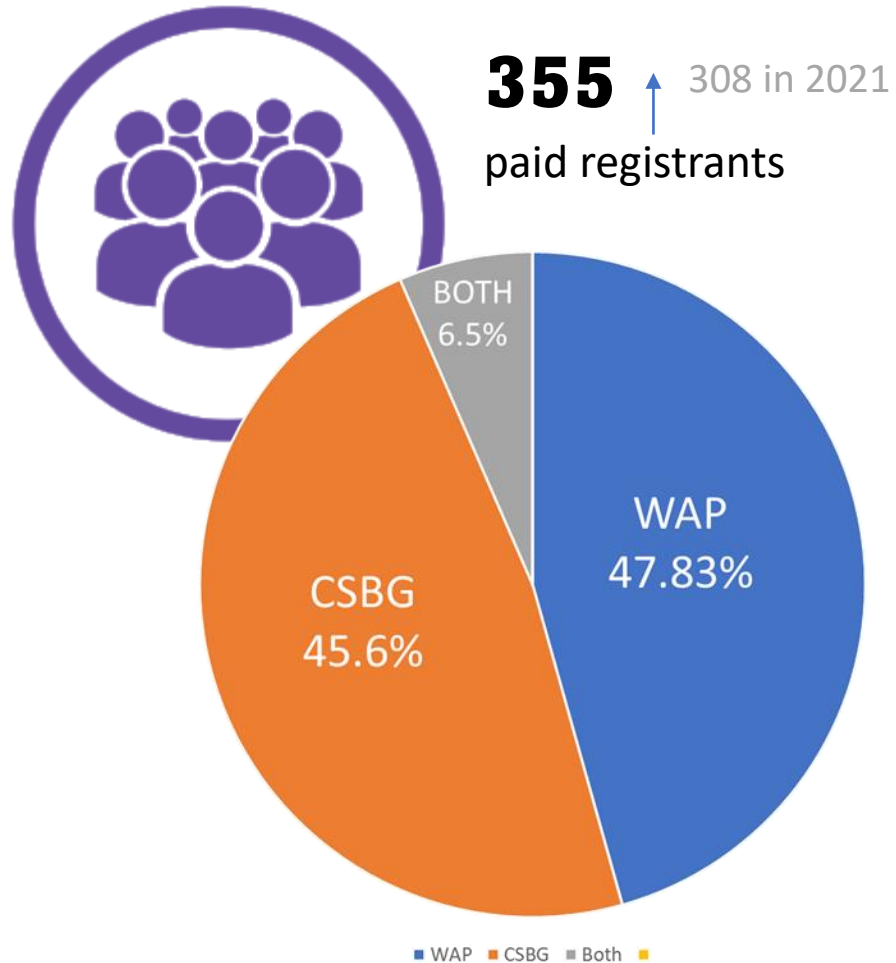
- Region 1 – Josh Larose (VT)
- Region 2 – Keli Reynolds (KY)
- Region 3 – Scott Kuhn (KS)
- Region 4 – Stephanie Insinna-Sahondo (CO)
- Region 5 – Seth Kolodziejski (WA)

WAP Alternates

- Region 1 – OPEN
- Region 2 – Mark Adams (WV)
- Region 3 – Troy Cucchiara (NM)
- Region 4 – Maddy Kamalay (MI)
- Region 5 – Mimi Burbage (AK)



2021 ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE DEBRIEF



EVALUATIONS

This conference enhanced my ability to administer CSBG/WAP	96%	2%	2%	
Conference format and platform were conducive to learning	100%	X	X	
Registration was clear and simple	96%	4%	2%	
Opportunity to engage with peers	89%	11%	X	
Well organized, clearly communicated, and timely	96%	2%	2%	

2021 ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE DEBRIEF

(7) WAP Specific Conference Sessions

- Monitoring Analysis and Subgrantee Risk Assessments
- Best Practices in Hiring, Training and Retaining a WAP Workforce
- Vehicle and Equipment Procurement and Disposal (DOE session)
- DOE Federal Perspectives Session
- DOE Live Q&A
- Engaging Community, Embracing Diversity: Women in WAP Workforce Success Stories
- NREL and NASCSP Data Analysis on the WAP Wage Survey 2021 (recorded)

NASCSP has provided recordings and materials for all the live sessions for registered attendees to access, view and download for six months post conference [here](#).

NASCSP 2022 CONFERENCES

WINTER CONFERENCE

VIRTUAL EVENT

February 28 – March 3, 2022

1:00 PM ET – 5:00 PM ET

Save the date! Registration will open in December

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

LIVE EVENT – September 2022



Workforce Development Working Group

Presented “Best Practices in Hiring, Recruitment and Retention” at NCAP and NASCSP Conferences.

Presenting “Best Practices” at the BPA and Energy Out West Conferences in 2022.

Working Priority #3: Career Ladder and Succession Planning



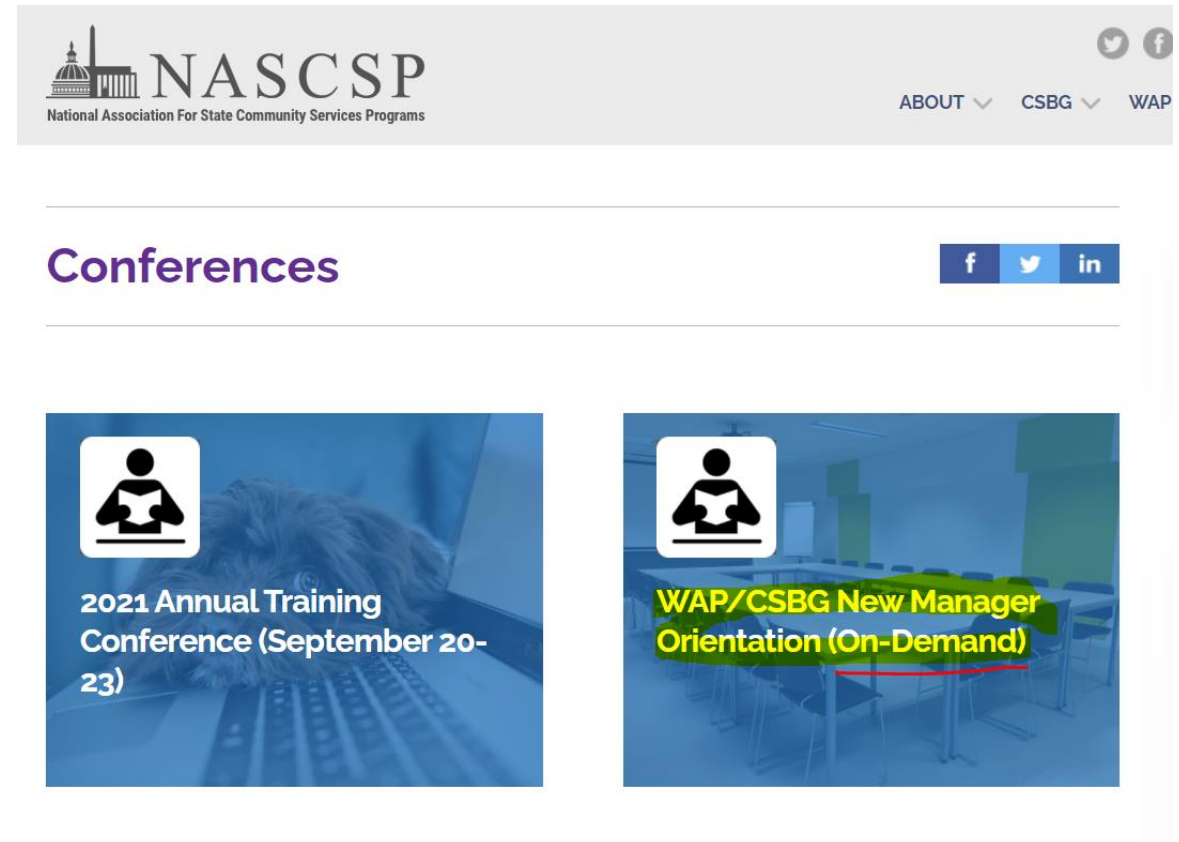
NASCSP New Manager Orientation

Now Available as **On-Demand** Training

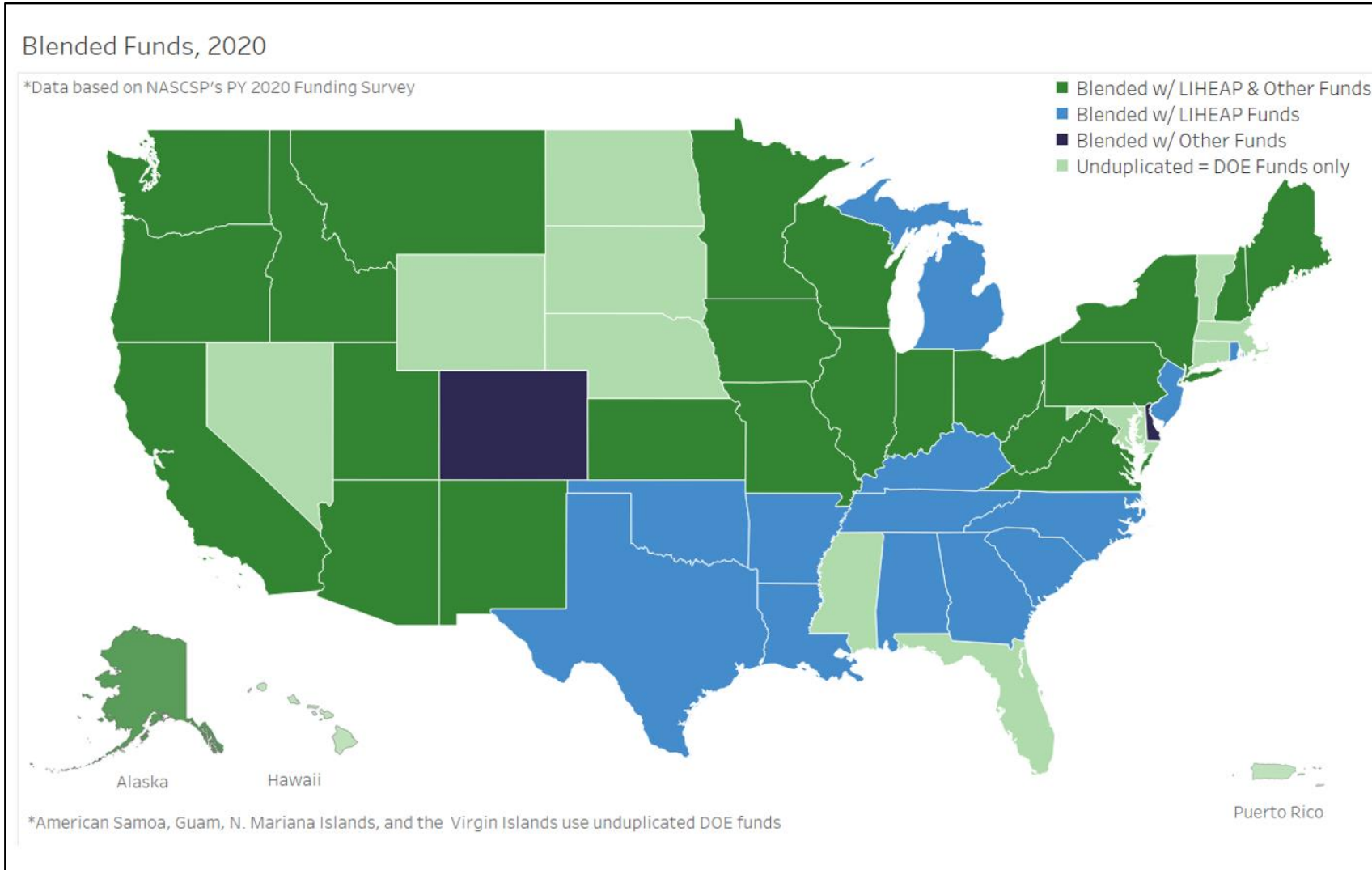
[Register](#) here for access

Welcome NEW WAP Managers:

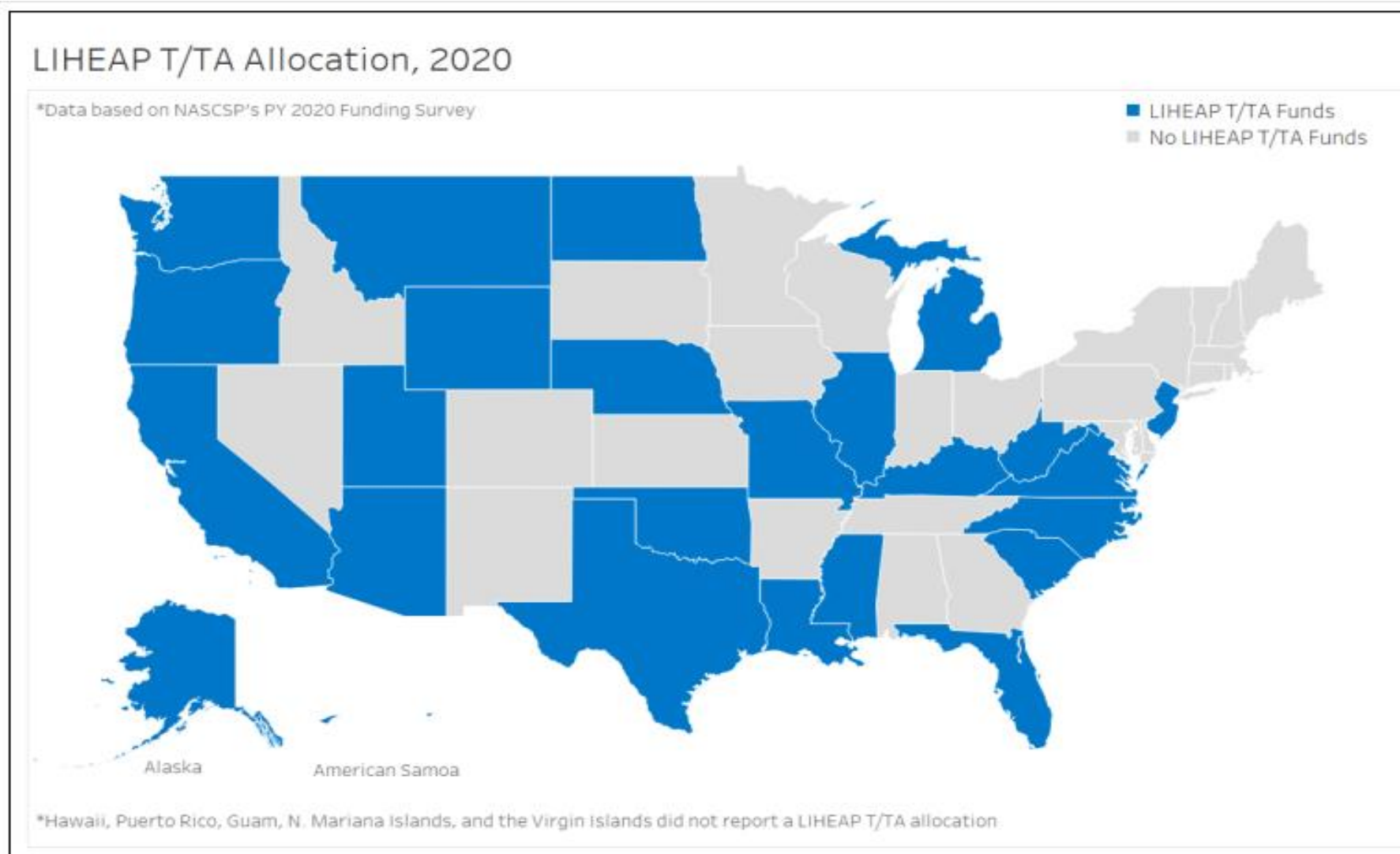
- Alma Valencia, Florida
- Matthew Milton, South Carolina
- Charles Newborn, Minnesota



2020 Funding Survey: Member Portal



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POLL - ARPA

Q: Is your state receiving additional WAP funds through ARPA Funds for WAP or WAP related activities?

- Yes, using same rules as LIHEAP WAP Rules
- Yes, using for WAP Deferrals , Weatherization Readiness
- Yes, using for WAP Climate initiatives or Renewables
- Yes, using for Other WAP related purposes
- No, we are not receiving any WAP funding via ARPA funds.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Please update tracker if you have WAP or WAP related programs funded with ARPA.

Enter info here:

[ARPA Funding for WAP related programs.xlsx](#)

NASCSP: Data Collection on American Rescue Plan Act Funding: WAP or WAP Related Programs

<i>State/Territory District / Tribe</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Deadline to Expend Funds</i>	<i>Funding Amount</i>	<i>Brief Program Description</i>	<i>Program Began in 2021</i>	<i>Program will begin in 2022</i>
Rhode Island	ARPA LHEAP	9/30/2022	\$ 1,000,000	Oil tank replacement program	Yes	
Rhode Island	ARPA LIHEAP	9/30/2022	\$ 2,000,000	WAP Deferral - Knob and Tube removal and replacement	Yes	
Connecticut	ARPA Treasury	12/31/2024	\$ 7,000,000	WAP Deferral - remove Health and Safety barriers to WAP	No	Yes
Pennsylvania	ARPA LIHEAP	9/30/2022	\$ 21,000,000.00	WAP Deferral - pilot Clean and Tune Program that is allowing Subgrantees to provide preventative maintenance for eligible households	Yes	
Pennsylvania	ARPA LIHEAP	9/30/2022	\$ 2,000,000.00	WAP Deferral - LIHEAP WAP Deferral program, opened funds earlier	Yes	
Pennsylvania	ARPA LIHEAP	9/30/2022	\$ 20,000,000.00	Emergency Heating System repair or replacements	Yes	
Michigan	ARPA LIHEAP	9/30/2022	\$ 5,000,000.00	One time increase to LIHEAP funds to serve same purpose	No	Yes

What's new in 2022: Quarterly Member Webinars



- We will move to the ZOOM platform
- Host (1) Quarterly Member Webinar in the afternoon
- Expand to **90** minutes. Increase time for Open Discussion and Breakouts.
- February 3, 2022, Quarterly Member Webinar will be ***combined*** with Member Planning and Action.
- ***All Webinars will be recorded, and content posted to the NASCSP site.***

POLL – Quarterly Member Webinars

Q: What is the preferred time in the afternoon for our regular Quarterly Member Webinars?

- 1:00 – 2:30 PM ET
- 2:00 – 3:30 PM ET
- 3:00 - 4:30 PM ET

Poll: Solar in the WAP

Q: Does your state use Solar in the WAP or have approval for a solar pilot in the WAP?

- Yes, we are approved for Solar Thermal
- Yes, we are approved for Solar PV
- Yes, we have a solar pilot in the WAP
- We have an application to DOE for Solar, not yet approved
- We do not have solar currently

POLL – State Travel Restrictions

Q: Is your **state** still under a Travel Restriction from COVID?

- Yes, we are still under state travel restrictions
- We have partial travel restrictions in place (i.e., in-state only).
- No, we are not under any travel restrictions.



Racial Equity Working Group

Annual Conference Sessions

- [*History of Systemic Racism in America*](#)
- [*The Intersectionality of Healing and Hurting*](#)

[*How To Use Data to Identify Inequities*](#)

More resources available on our website

- ***Racial Equity Book Club*** to coincide with Winter Conference.
- [Sign up here!](#)



[NASCSP Statement of Action on Racial Justice](#)

Member Planning and Action

Meeting held August 24th

- Client Waitlists
- Workforce Development
- Subgrantee Funding Levels
- Re-Weatherization Date Implementation
- Pre-audits/Housing Assessments
- Cost Effectiveness Challenges

This input informs NASCSP's

- Advocacy Efforts
- Network Trainings
- T&TA
- Next Member Planning and Action meeting scheduled for February 3, 2022, to coincide with Quarterly Member Webinar (regional call).



Federal Updates

- [WAP Memorandum 074A: Update to Memo 074](#)
 - Grantees no longer required to implement provisions in WAP Memo 074 (Weatherization Assistant Suite of Tools update to version 10)
- [WAP Memorandum 077: Pilot Project Opportunity: Community Scale Weatherization Projects](#)
 - Pilot Program to explore 'community scale' weatherization
 - More information to come...
- [WAP Memorandum 079: PY '22: New WAP Awards](#)
 - Notification of new Grants to be awarded in PY 22



Federal Updates

- [WPN 21-4: Closeout Procedures for Grants Under the Weatherization Assistance Program](#)

BACKGROUND: Closeout is the process by which DOE determines that all applicable administrative actions and all required work under the award have been completed. The process includes verifying that the following have been accomplished at the expiration of the acquisition or assistance instrument:

1. All terms and conditions have been fulfilled;
2. All property issues such as inventory, equipment and vehicles have been resolved;
3. All patents and data issues, including intellectual property issues, have been resolved;
4. All required reports and other deliverables have been submitted to DOE; and
5. All required financial data and related information, including reconciliation of and/or resolution of, have occurred.



Federal Updates – WPN 21-4

Submit all Mandatory **PAGE Reports**

- Final Quarterly Performance Report (DOE 540.3 Form)
- Final Federal Financial Report (SF-425)
- Historic Preservation Report
- Annual Training & Technical Assistance, Monitoring and Leveraging Report

Within **120 days** after the expiration or termination of a financial assistance award, the recipient must submit all financial, performance and other reports required by the award terms and conditions.



Federal Updates – WPN 21-4

Property Certification (SF-428) forms:

Please have an individual with sufficient grant authority submit by email to the Project Officer **SF-428 Property Certification**. The form consists of the cover sheet (SF-428) and three attachments to be used as required:

- Annual Report, SF428-A
- Final (Award Closeout) Report, SF-428-B
- Disposition Request/Report, SF-428-C.
- A Supplemental Sheet, SF-428S, may be used to provide detailed individual item information. SF428-S

Federal Updates – WPN 21-4

Closeout Guidance and Forms

- [WPN 17-6: Property Acquired Under the WAP Including Vehicle and Equipment Purchases](#)

Returning Funds to DOE

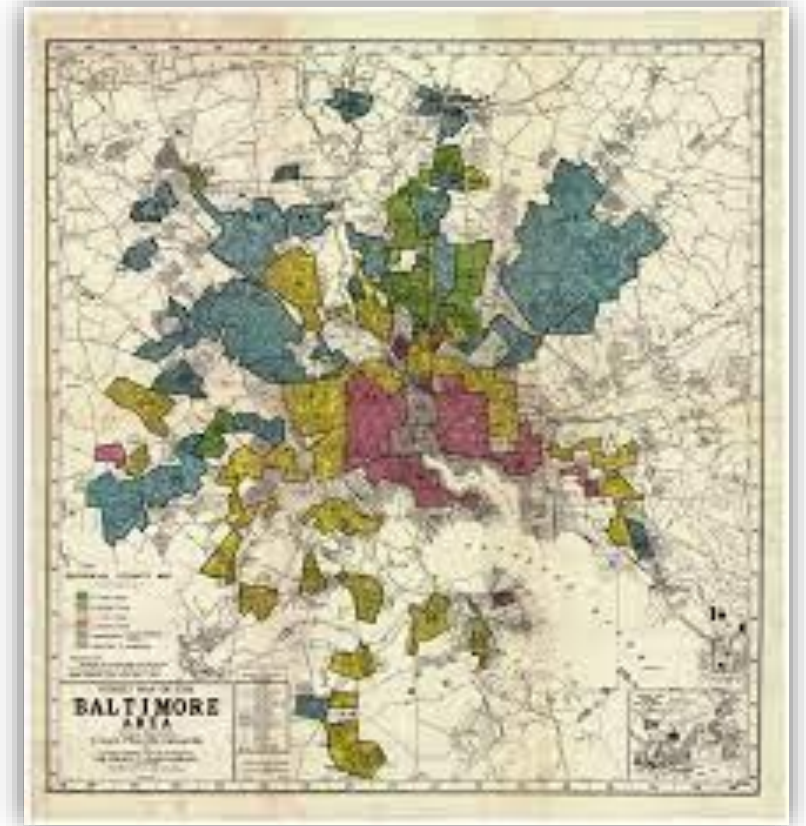
- 2 methods
 - E-check submitted to:
<https://www.pay.gov/paygov/forms/formInstance.html?agencyFormId=18573422>
 - Credit Card payment



Federal Updates: Justice40

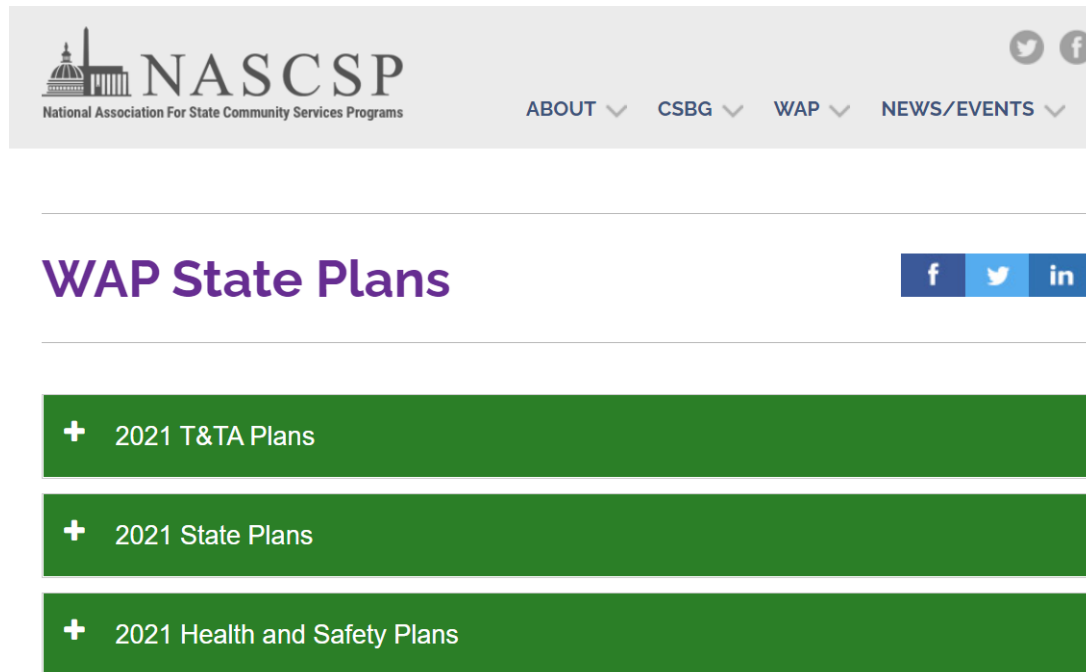
NASCSP and DOE hosted a **Stakeholder Engagement Session** on August 26, 2021

- Consensus that WAP network is already serving “disadvantaged communities”
- Zip codes easier to track than Census Tracts
- Concern for increase in administrative tasks
 - Labor, DMS modifications
- Need for better outreach to potential clients
- Poll: 87% of respondents believe 40% or more of WAP funding is going toward ‘disadvantaged communities’



NASCSP MEMBER RESOURCES

Loaded 2021 State Plans - DOE Approved



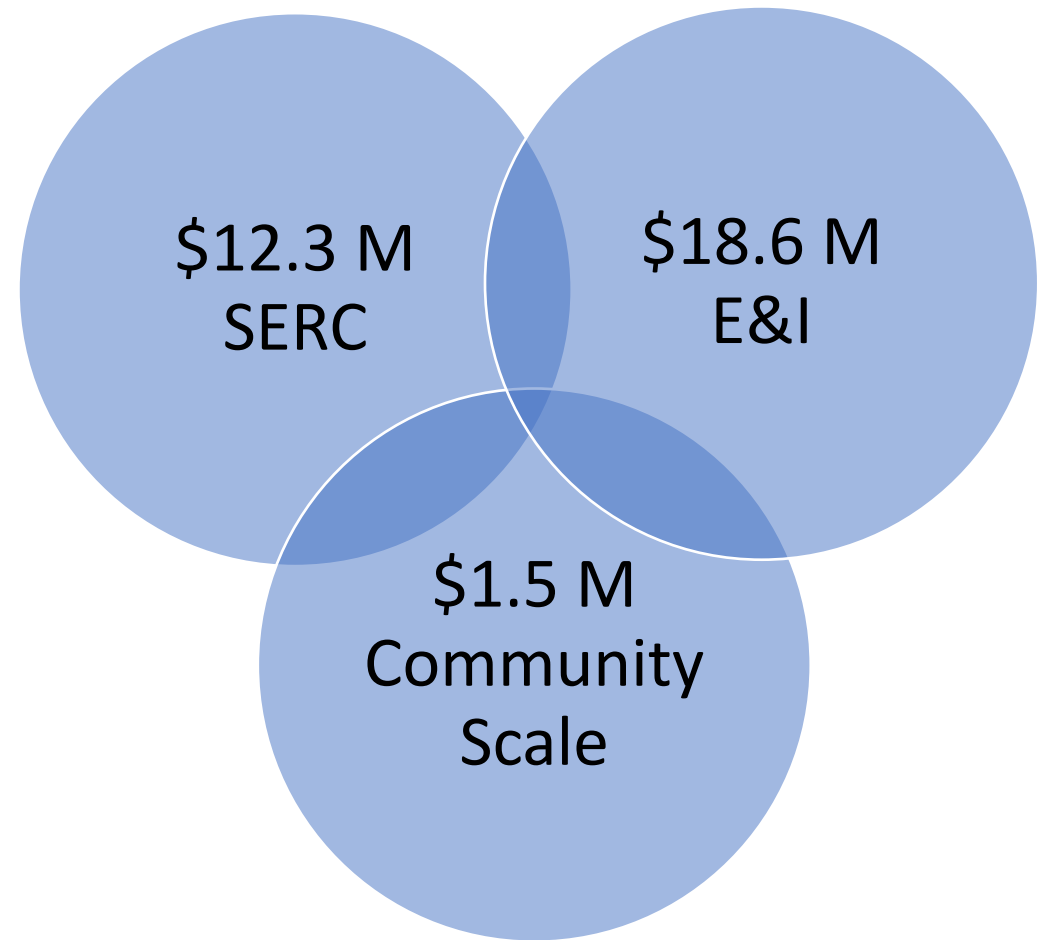
NASCSP conducting direct outreach to all state managers for the following:

- Monitoring Plans
- Health & Safety Plans
- T&TA Plans
- WAP Operations & Policy Manuals

WAP PROGRAM CHAIR UPDATE

Jeff Heino, Wisconsin

- Updates from NASCSP Board Meetings with Anna-Maria Garcia



WAP PROGRAM CHAIR – Jeff Heino



- NASCSP will conduct additional training webinars for Members in 2022 based on the T&TA Surveys and requests from the Members.
- NASCSP will release a Member T&TA survey in a few weeks, **please** take the time to complete (10 minutes).
- Your input **drives** our T&TA development

NASCSP WAP Program Chair

- Vaccine and Mandates?
- Supply Chain?
- Member Questions?
- T&TA Suggestions?



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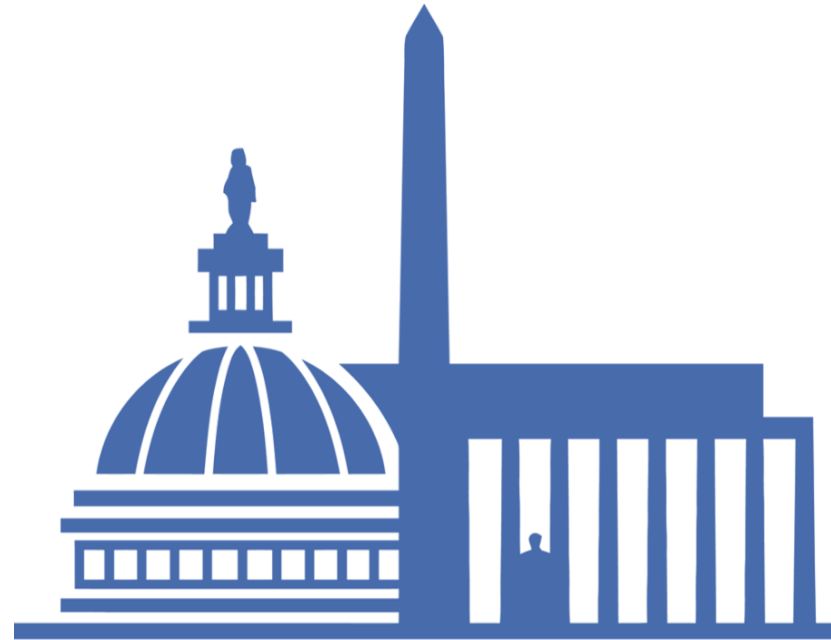
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Thank you!

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this fall?

[FALL JAZZ](#)
[Playlist](#)